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2020 GRADUATE PROGRAM RANKINGS FOR UNLV AND UNR

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PURPOSE:

This Fact Sheet presents the 2020 *U.S. News and World Report* Graduate program rankings for the University of Nevada, Las Vegas (UNLV)¹ and the University of Nevada, Reno (UNR).² The rankings for 2020 are important when taking into consideration that both UNLV and UNR reached Carnegie R1 status in 2018. This status marks their place in the top 130 research universities in the country.

WHAT IS THE U.S. NEWS AND WORLD REPORT?

The *U.S. News and World Report* is a news outlet that produces information on a variety of topics and is well-known for their education rankings. Each year the *U.S. News and World Report* releases education rankings ranging from the best high schools, colleges, and universities in the United States.

HOW SCHOOLS ARE RANKED

School rankings are compiled using a variety of qualitative and quantitative data. *U.S. News and World Report* gathers statistical measurements of a school’s quality, accompanied by views from experts about the quality of various programs.

KEY TAKEAWAYS:

1. UNLV has 37 graduate programs ranked, while UNR has 21 ranked programs.
2. UNLV and UNR share 15 of the 37 programs listed.
3. UNLV ranks higher than UNR in 8 of the 15 shared programs. UNR ranks higher than UNLV in 7 of the 15 shared programs.

In Table 1, the absence of a ranking (-) means that the specific program is not available at that school, or that the rank was not published by *U.S. News and World Report*.³

Table 1: GRADUATE PROGRAM RANKINGS FOR UNLV AND UNR

Graduate Program	UNLV	UNR
BUSINESS		
Degree Program: Part-time MBA	117	144
EDUCATION		
Education Schools	143	110

¹“University of Nevada—Las Vegas.” (2019). *U.S. News and World Report*. Retrieved from <https://premium.usnews.com/best-graduate-schools/university-of-nevada-las-vegas-182281/overall-rankings>.

²“University of Nevada—Reno.” (2019). *U.S. News and World Report*. Retrieved from <https://premium.usnews.com/best-graduate-schools/university-of-nevada-reno-182290/overall-rankings>.

³Morse, Robert. (2019). “How U.S. News Calculated the 2020 Best Graduate Schools Rankings.” *U.S. News and World Report*. Retrieved from <https://www.usnews.com/education/best-graduate-schools/articles/how-us-news-calculated-the-rankings>.

ENGINEERING		
Engineering Schools	-	141
Degree Program: Civil	102	65
Degree Program: Electrical/Electronic/Communications	132	148
Degree Program: Environmental/Environmental Health	81	77
Degree Program: Materials	-	90
Degree Program: Mechanical	-	121
LAW		
Law Schools	58	-
Degree Program: Dispute Resolution	5	-
Degree Program: Clinical Training	40	-
Degree Program: Environmental	74	-
Degree Program: Health Care	36	-
Degree Program: Intellectual Property	69	-
Degree Program: International	116	-
Degree Program: Legal Writing	1	-
Degree Program: Part-time	18	-
Degree Program: Tax	65	-
Degree Program: Trial Advocacy	89	-
MEDICAL		
Nursing - Doctor of Nursing Schools	89	128
Nursing - Master's Schools	76	140
Degree Program: Health Care Management	65	-
Degree Program: Physical Therapy	79	-
SCIENCES & MATHEMATICS		
Degree Program: Biological Sciences	218	190
Degree Program: Chemistry	-	122
Degree Program: Earth Sciences	78	64
Degree Program: Physics	139	-
SOCIAL SCIENCES		
Public Affairs Schools	109	-
Degree Program: Clinical Psychology	102	62
Degree Program: Psychology	190	131
Degree Program: English	99	116
Degree Program: History	114	-
Degree Program: Public Health	102	113
Degree Program: Social Work	77	121
Degree Program: Sociology	102	-
Degree Program: Speech-Language Pathology	-	141
FINE ARTS		
Fine Arts Programs	131	191